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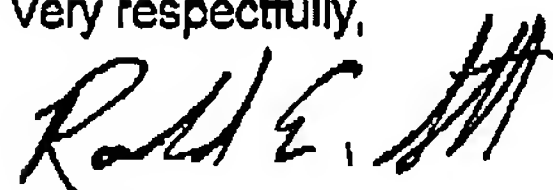
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Re:	USPN 10/707,291	CC:	David W. Pratt

Dear Examiner Chin:

In response to the non-final office action mailed July 14, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated September 5, 2006 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment B with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated September 5, 2006 (7 pages).

Very respectfully,

Ronald E. Smith
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/707,291 Confirmation No.: 1290
Applicant: : David W. Pratt
Filed: : 12/03/2003
Art Unit : 3652
Examiner : Paul T. Chin

Docket No. : 1053.30
Customer No. : 21,901
For : Bottom-Emptying Device for Tapered Bailer

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

EXTENSION OF TERM

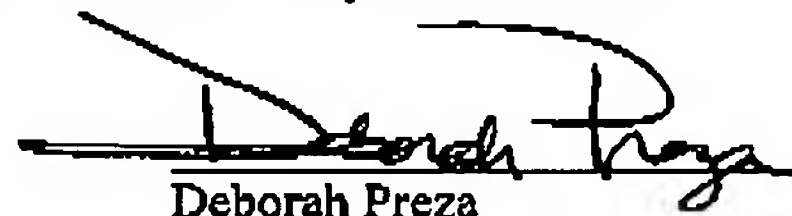
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment B, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings and Remarks is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3652, Attn: Paul T. Chin, (571) 273-8300 on September 5, 2006.

Dated: September 5, 2006


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FEE FOR CLAIMS


4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	9	Minus	20	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$100 =	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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AMENDMENT B

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 07/14/2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 10/14/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a second time as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.